

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Mental Health Counselors \(21-1014\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Marriage and Family Therapists \(21-1013\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 99

Focus Occupation: Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Psychology	6.4	25.0	23.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	25.0	23.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	18.6	17.1	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	14.9	14.1	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	14.3	10.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	9.8	7.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	9.4	7.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 99

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Active Listening	11.0	19.5	20.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	19.5	19.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Speaking	10.8	15.4	16.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	14.3	14.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Monitoring	9.9	14.2	14.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	14.2	15.9	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

Complex Problem Solving	9.1	13.0	12.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Persuasion	7.4	11.8	13.8	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Science	4.5	11.6	11.9	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Systems Evaluation	6.4	11.2	11.0	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operations Analysis	5.0	11.0	11.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Negotiation	6.8	10.8	11.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Systems Analysis	6.5	10.7	11.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Comprehension	12.5	16.6	17.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Expression	12.4	16.6	17.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	15.7	17.3	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	15.0	17.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	14.7	16.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.2	14.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	13.2	16.2	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Originality	7.6	11.0	11.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	10.8	13.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speed of Closure	5.9	10.7	8.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 100

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Advise clients in emergency situations	89
Analyze psychological testing data	84
Assess therapy needs of patients	85
Assist clients in understanding personal or interactive problems	89
Coordinate social service activities with resource providers	77
Counsel individuals with personal problems	81
Develop treatment plans	92

Empathize with others during counseling or related services	69
Evaluate patient response to therapy	78
Follow confidentiality procedures	58
Follow patient observation procedures	71
Monitor client progress	84
Obtain information from individuals	24
Plan therapy treatment program	77
Recognize physical or emotional abuse	68
Record client's personal data	80
Refer clients to community services or resources	76
Use behavior modification techniques	81
Use conflict resolution techniques	56
Use counseling techniques	60
Use current social research	62
Use grief counseling techniques	76
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use interviewing procedures	23

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 75

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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